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FOR PERFORMING TYPE
CHECKING FOR
HARDWARE DEVICE
NODES IN A
GRAPHICAL PROGRAM

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EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	B1	4,901,221	2/13/90	Kodosky et al.			
	B2	4,914,568	4/3/90	Kodosky et al.			
	B3	5,291,587	3/1/94	Kodosky et al.			
	B4	5,301,301	4/5/94	Kodosky et al.			
	B5	5,301,336	4/5/94	Kodosky et al.			

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